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REMARKS

With this Amendment, Applicants add new Claims 44-49. As discussed below, Claims 1-34 and 38-49 are now pending in the present application.

In response to the *Restriction Requirement* mailed September 12, 2002, Applicants elect Invention I, as defined by the Examiner, corresponding to Claims 1-34 and 38-43. This election is made without traverse. Applicants intend to prosecute Claims 35-37 in a divisional application.

Regarding the election of species, Applicants elect the species identified by the Examiner as being illustrated by Figure 3 ("a multilumen catheter comprising a J-tip distal end"). Applicants submit that Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 27-30, and 38-43, as well as new claims 44-45 and 47-48, read on the species identified by the Examiner as being illustrated by Figure 3.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's finding that no pending claims are generic. Rather, Applicants submit that Claims 1, 27, and 38 are generic to all four species identified by the Examiner. However, Applicants add new Claims 44-49 to remove all doubt that this application includes a claim that is generic to the four species identified by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for examination on the merits, and respectfully requests the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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